

BOOK NOTICES

Ethnobotanical/Economic/Medicinal/Useful Plants/Toxic

JOHN and MARGARET CANNON. 2003. **Dye Plants and Dying**. (ISBN 0-88192-572-1, pbk.). Timber Press, Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$19.95, 129 pp., 48 color paintings, 7 3/16 × 9 3/4".

This is a lovely book deserving of a readership beyond those mainly concerned with the fiber arts. For the historian and ethno-botanist the use of plants for color arose in the far distant past. For the botanical novice, the simple descriptions of the plants and the glossary and checklist of scientific names offer a good introduction to the science. There is material for the conservationist and the bio-chemist. For the art lover, the plates themselves make the book a delight.

This combination of art and science makes this book important. It offers exact instructions for craft dyers and accurate botanical information about the plant sources of the coloring material. The illustrations are accurate and beautiful. The color samples and mordant symbols are incorporated into the design of the plate so as to make a pleasing whole. This is an excellent book.

It covers a wide range of natural plant dyes and provides accurate botanical information about each plant. —*Ruth Ginsburg, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX, 76102-4060, U.S.A.*

MARIANNA APPEL KUNOW. 2003. **Maya Medicine: Traditional Healing in Yucatán**. (ISBN 0-8263-2864-4, hbk.). University of New Mexico Press, 1720 Lomas Blvd. NE, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-249-7737, 505-277-9270 fax, unmpress.com). \$29.95, 160 pp., 36 line drawings, 6 × 9".

Review forthcoming in *Sida* 21(1), 2004.

JOHN BOIK. 2001. **Natural Compounds in Cancer Therapy: Promising Nontoxic Antitumor Agents from Plants & Other Natural Sources**. (ISBN 0-9648280-1-4, pbk.). Oregon Medical Press, 315 10th Avenue N, Princeton, MN 55371, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-610-0768, 612-395-5239 fax, sales@ompress.com, www.ompress.com). \$32.00, 520 pp., 8 1/2 × 11".

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